the last one year except in the case of Kendriya Vidyalayas in project sector which are financed by sponsoring agencies where they have been permitted to prescribe such scale of fees as they may consider appropriate from the academic session 2000-2001. However, Pupil Fund, Maintenance & Development Fund and science Fund have been merged together as "Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi' w.e.f. 1.4.2000 with a view to facilitate carrying out of various students activities and increase in total amount is nominal. There is no proposal at present for withdrawal of the said orders.

Closure of Kendriya Vidyalayas

†2893. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have closed Kendriya Vidyalayas in many States;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
 - (c) the State-wise details thereof;
- (d) whether Government are formulating any scheme to reopen them; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (b) Some kendriya Vidyalayas in the Project Sector, which are required to be fully funded by the Public Sector Undertakings are closed down when the Sponsoring Public Sector Undertakings fail to fulfil their financial commitments. Some Kendriya Vidyalayas in the Civil/ Defence Sector are closed or merged with neihbouring Kendriya Vidyalayas because of want of adequate number of students at those locations. Steps have, however, been taken to relocate these Kendriya Vidyalayas of the Civil/Defence Sector to start schools at other locations where the requirement was more.

- (c) State-wise list of Kendriya Vidyalayas closed/merged since 1998-99 enclosed as statement-I (see below)
 - (d) The sanction for Kendriya Vidyalaya closed/merged in the Civil/

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Defence sector is being used for opening Kendriya Vidyalayas elsewhere wherever required.

(e) Details of the Kendriya Vidyalayas opened on relocation are enclosed as statement-II.

STATEMENT-I

List of State-wise Kendriya Vidyalayas Closed/Merged (Civil/Defence/
Project) in the Year 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-2001

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Sl. No.	Name of Kendriya Vidyalayas	Name of the State	Sector		
1998-9	1998-99				
01.	No. 2 HEC Ranchi	Bihar	Project		
1999-2000					
01.	NEEPCO Umranago	Assam	Project		
02.	No. 2 Missamari	Assam	Defence		
03.	No. 3Tezpur	Assam	Defence		
04.	No. 2 Bokaro	Bihar	Project		
05.	Ghatshila	Bihar	Project		
06.	No. 1 Khetri Nagar	Rajasthan	Project		
07.	No. 2 Khetri Nagar	Rajasthan	Project		
08.	Jobner	Rajasthan	Civil		
09.	Malanjkhand	Madhya Pradesh	Project		
10.	No. 2 Bengdubi	West Bengal	Defence		
11.	No. 2 Bhusawal	Maharashtra	Civil		
12.	Kupwara	J&K	Defence		
13.	Fatehpur, Bastapur	Uttar Pradesh	Civil		
2000-2001					
01.	Baragolai	Assam	Project		
02	No. 2 AFS Dinjan	Assam	Defence		
03.	BCCL Gobindpur	Bihar	Project		
04.	BCCL Bhuli Township	Bihar	Project		

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Sl. No.	Name of Kendriya Vidyalayas	Name of the State	Sector
05.	BCCL Dugdha	Bihar	Project
06.	BCCL Dhanbad	Bihar	Project
07.	CCI Akaltara	Madhya Pradesh	Project
08.	CCI Nayagaon	Madhya Pradesh	Project
09.	No. 2 Khamaria	Madhya Pradesh	Defence
10.	No. 3 Itarsi	Madhya Pradesh	Civil
11.	No. 2 BHEL Haridwar	U.P.	Project
12.	No. 4 Jhansi		U.P. Civil
13.	No. 2 OEF Kanpur	U.P.	Defence
14.	Yerraguntla	Andhra Pradesh	Project
15.	CCI Tandur	Andhra Pradesh	Project
16.	NEEPCO Doyang	Nagaland	Project
17.	HMT Pinjore	Haryana	Project

Statement-II

Details of Kendriya Vidyalayas opened on the Re-location

Closed/Merged	Opened/Relocated
1. No. 2 Missamari, Assam (Merged with No. I Missamari)	1. Mandsaur, M.P.
2. No. 3 Tezpur, Assam (Merged with No. 2 Tezpur)	SPG Pappankalan Dwarka, Delhi
3. No. 2 Bengdubi, W.B. (Merged with No. 1 Bengdubi)	3. Roorkee No. 2 U.P.
4. No. 2 Bhusawal, Maharashtra (Merged with No. 1 Bhusawal)	4. IVRI Mukteshwar, U.P. (converted to Civil Sector)
5. Jobner, Rajasthan (Closed)	5. ITBP Ganchar, U.P.
6. Kupwara, J&K (Closed)	6. IGNOU Delhi
7. Fatehpur, U.P. (Closed)	7. Muzzafarnagar, U.P.
	1. No. 2 Missamari, Assam (Merged with No. I Missamari) 2. No. 3 Tezpur, Assam (Merged with No. 2 Tezpur) 3. No. 2 Bengdubi, W.B. (Merged with No. 1 Bengdubi) 4. No. 2 Bhusawal, Maharashtra (Merged with No. 1 Bhusawal) 5. Jobner, Rajasthan (Closed) 6. Kupwara, J&K (Closed) 7. Fatehpur, U.P.

Year	Closed/Merged	Opened/Relocated
2000-2001	1. No. 2 Khamaria, M.P. (Merged with No. 2 GCF Jabalpur)	1. Ooty, Tamilnadu (Converted into Civil sector)
	2. No. 4 Jhansi, U.P. (Merged with No. 3 Jhansi)	2. Silvassa, U.T.
	3. No. 2 OEF Kanpur, U.P. (Merged with No. 1 OEF Kanpur)	3. ITI Mankapur, U.P. (Converted into Civil Sector)
	4. No. 3 Itarsi, M.P. (Merged with No. 2 Itarsi)	4. ITI Naini, U.P. (Converted into Civil Sector)
	5. No. 2 Dinjan, Assam (Merged with No. 1 Dinjan)	

Grants to students studying abroad

2894. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the grants provided to students by Government studying abroad during the last three years; year- wise; and
- (b) the number of students who have undertaken research work in foreign countries during the above mentioned period, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) This Ministry does not operate any such scheme under which financial grants may be extended to students for higher studies/research work abroad. However, this Ministry processes offers of scholarships and fellowships from a few countries under the Cultural Exchange Programmes, Commonwealth Scholarships/Fellowships and Miss Agatha Harrison Memorial Fellowships. The following number of students were sent abroad under these programmes during the last three years for higher studies/research: